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Use of Force Committee Meeting February 9, 2021

Members Present: Sergeant Michael Akerlind, Colchester PD; Sergeant Paul Sokolowski, Vermont State Police; Corporal Randy Lopes, Burlington PD; Sergeant Eugene Duplissis, Vermont State Police; Chief Matt Murano, Wilmington PD; Warden Robert Currier, Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife; Chief Robbie Blish, Woodstock PD; Lieutenant Eugene Cote, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicle; State's Attorney Erica Marthage, State's Attorneys & Sheriffs; Executive Director Karim Chapman, Vermont Psychiatric Survivors.

Members Absent: Lieutenant Russ Shopland, Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife; Corporal Jason Williams, Rutland City PD; David Scherr, Attorney General's Office.

Other People Present: VCJC Chair, William Sorrell.

Academy Representatives: Interim Executive Director William Sheets, Director of Training Cindy Taylor-Patch, Training Coordinator (TC) Jacob Hansell, Technology and Program Technician James Park.

Meeting called to order by Sgt. Akerlind at 10:35 AM.

Approval of the January 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

- Motion to accept the minutes as is made by Warden Currier.
 - Motion Seconded by Lieutenant Cote.
 - **Motion passed with 8 votes in favor, and 2 abstention.**

Old Business

- **Patrol Rifle Instructor Curriculum.**
 - **Tabled until the draft of the course is submitted for review.**
- **Process for Negligent Discharges.**
 - TC Hansell spoke about formalizing the investigation process and increased level of documentation that the proposed policy calls for and how it has made a difference in the past two academy classes where it has been implemented.
 - TC Hansell will submit the policy to the committee for their review before the next meeting.
 - **Tabled until Committee has time to review the policy.**



Old Business Continued

- **New Handgun Qualification Course.**
 - The new handgun qualification course was reviewed and updated by the Committee on January 14th, 2020.
 - If no objections are raised, the course will be submitted to the VCJC for approval.
- **Informational, no action needed.**

New Business

- **New and Returning Member Introductions.**
 - Interim Executive Director William Sheets and VCJC Chair William Sorrell welcomed the new and returning committee members reminding them that S.124 has placed new and continuing responsibilities in front of everyone.
 - New and returning members introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their backgrounds and why they are interested in serving on this committee.
 - **No action needed.**
- **Motion to adjourn.**
 - Corporal Lopes made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Motion seconded by Sgt. Sokolowski
 - **Motion passed with Unanimously.**

Meeting Adjourned: 11:20 AM

